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EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS; FOR AMB. LEWIS FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), IS, LE, MILI

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR BEGIN

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO PRIME  
MINISTER BEGIN IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE OF JULY 28  
(TEXT BY SEPTTEL):

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR GOOD MESSAGE CONVEYING YOUR  
DECISION TO DELAY THE SHIPMENT OF TANKS TO THE MARONITE  
FORCES IN LEBANON UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK DURING  
MY VISIT TO ISRAEL. I ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR UNDER-  
TAKING TO CONTINUE ADVISING THE MARONITE FORCES TO EXERCISE  
RESTRAINT AND TO REFRAIN FROM PROVOCATIVE SNIPING. IT IS  
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IMPORTANT THAT THE MARONITE FORCES NOT BE LEFT WITH THE  
IMPRESSION THAT ISRAEL WILL GO TO THEIR AID IF THEY GET IN  
TROUBLE WHILE CHALLENGING THE SYRIANS.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW ALSO THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN IDLE. WE  
HAVE MADE FIRM REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SYRIANS, NOT ONLY IN  
DAMASCUS BUT ALSO IN WASHINGTON AND WITH THE NEW SYRIAN

AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS AND SAM LEWIS WILL KEEP YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT REGULARLY INFORMED OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS.

I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE LEBANON PROBLEM AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES. I BELIEVE WE COULD AGREE ON THE KIND OF STABLE, PEACEFUL LEBANON WE WANT TO SEE EMERGE FROM THE CHAOS OF THESE PAST FEW YEARS, AND WE WANT TO WORK CLOSELY AND COOPERATIVELY WITH YOU TO HELP MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

WITH WARM GOOD WISHES, SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE.  
END TEXT. VANCE

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